

The Angels Song

O little babe, O gentle babe,
That in a manger lies,
A-listening to the choral sweet
Which floats a-down the skies;
We, through the year, who only hear
The world's harsh thundering,
Listen that we, dear babe, with thee,
May hear the angels sing.

O little babe, O gentle babe,
Who lookest toward the star,
And seest when they bear their gifts,
Those wise men from afar;
From wandering wide, back to thy side,
Weary and worn we flee;
But hearts that bleed and hands that need,
Are all we have for thee.

O little babe, O gentle babe,
Our hearts were hard and cold;
The star we loved, the star of fame,
The song, the song of gold,
At the manger's side this Christmastide,
We listen and we long
To see that star shine from afar
And hear the angels' song.

—Richard F. Souter.

FED HUSBAND POISON

NIECE SAYS WIFE ADMINISTERED THREE DIFFERENT KINDS.

Indiana Woman Has Been Charged Formally with the Murder of the Head of the House.

New Albany, Ind., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Pearl Armstrong has been charged formally with the murder of her husband, George Armstrong, an iron worker, 45 years old. Mrs. Armstrong is 20 years his junior. Here, according to the police, is what Mrs. Armstrong did to her husband:

Florence Myrtle Harris, 18 years old, who lived with the Armstrongs, told County Prosecutor Bulett that Mrs. Armstrong said she "could have a better time if her husband was dead." He was ill and she gave him, seven days ago, the girl said, a dose of rat poison, pretending that it was medicine. Armstrong went to bed and grew worse. Three days later, according to the girl's statement, Mrs. Armstrong, protecting her hands with gloves, filled several capsules with carbolic acid and Armstrong took them.

"I begged Mrs. Armstrong not to give her husband more poison, but she answered that she had started to end his life, and she might as well finish it," the girl stated to the prosecutor, "and at night she gave him a dose of strychnine."

Armstrong has just died. Mrs. Armstrong continues to maintain that her husband had taken poison with intent to commit suicide.

WANTS CHANGES IN RAIL LAW

Interstate Commerce Commission Says that Amendments to Present Statute Are Necessary.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Vigorous recommendations for changes in the present law regulating transportation companies are contained in the twenty-third annual report of the interstate commerce commission just transmitted to the congress. The commission expresses its conviction that certain amendments to present law are necessary to enable it fully to accomplish the purposes of congress. Briefly summarized, the proposed amendments are as follows:

That a physical valuation be made of the interstate railroads of the country. The commission again suggests that it be given power to prevent advances in rates or changes in regulations or practices to the disadvantage of the shipper, pending an investigation into the reasonableness of the proposed change. The commission again calls to the attention of congress the increasing importance of some form of federal control over railway capitalization and expressed the opinion that adequate legislation upon this subject is required by the interests involved.

After exposure, and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. It is mildly laxative. Refuse substitutes. F. A. Morris, Canfield.

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SUSPENDS GRAIN BROKERS

Chicago Board of Trade Punishes Two Members for Manipulating Prices.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—For the first time in the history of the Chicago board of trade two members of the board have been suspended for manipulating the prices of grain to serve their own ends. This drastic punishment was visited upon George E. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain Co., and J. Ogden Armour's personal representative on the floor of the board of trade, and James Pettit, president of the Peavey Grain Co.

Marcy and Pettit were suspended from all the privileges of the board of trade for one day each. At the same time the directors served formal notice upon all board of trade members that manipulations of the market must stop, and that in the future manipulators will be severely dealt with.

Man Attacks Farmer and Wife.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Horn G. Hall, an aged farmer living near Baldwinsville, is dying and his wife is suffering from cuts on the head inflicted by a man identified by Mrs. Hall as Fred Vance, a farm hand whom Hall had discharged. As Hall was crossing the road to his barn a man sprang from hiding and struck him over the head with a shovel handle, inflicting five wounds. The assailant then turned to the house and meeting Mrs. Hall struck her on the head and made his escape.

Bandit Was Once Policeman.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The body of former Policeman Walter F. R. Carroll, who committed suicide in San Jose, has been identified as that of the lone highwayman, who murdered William F. Schneider at the Hamman baths, twice held up the drug store of Greason & Corneen and for ten days created a reign of terror in San Francisco.

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Allen's Lung Balm will cure not only a fresh cold, but one of those stubborn ones that usually hang on for months. Give it a fair trial and prove its worth. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00.

DOG SAVES ITS BENEFACTORS

Stray Little Animal, Sheltered Over Night, Awakes Household, Then Dies in Flames.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 22.—A little tramp dog, pitied and sheltered by a family residing here at night awoke its benefactors, then perished in the flames which swept the house.

All members of the household escaped in their night attire shortly after midnight. They had heard the canine warning, but once away from the blaze, they for got the dumb little watchman. The body of the dog was found among the charred timbers. An overheated stove is believed to have caused the fire.

DAILY MARKET REPORTS

Financial.
New York, Dec. 22.—Money on call firm at 4 1/2% per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2% per cent. Sterling exchange \$1.88 1/2 for demand.

Grain, Provisions and Live Stock.
Cleveland, Dec. 22.—Flour—Minnesota spring patents \$6.00 @ \$6.60.
Wheat—No. 2 red \$1.24 1/2.
Corn—No. 2 yellow 66 1/2.
Oats—No. 2 white 48c.
Butter—Best creamery 27 1/2 @ 27 3/4.
Cheese—York state 18 @ 18 1/2.
Eggs—Strictly fresh 32 1/2.
Potatoes—Ohio 40 @ 45.
Hay—No. 1 timothy \$15.50 @ \$15.75.
Cattle—Best steers \$5.75 @ \$6.25, calves \$9.25 @ \$9.75.
Sheep—Choice wethers \$4.75 @ \$5.25, choice lambs \$5.25 @ \$5.35.
Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$8.30, pigs \$8.30.

Toledo, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Cash \$1.24 1/2.
Corn—Cash 63 1/2.
Oats—Cash 45 1/2.
Cloverseed—Cash \$8.77 1/2.

Buffalo, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Export cattle \$6.00 @ \$6.75, fair to good \$4.75 @ \$5.50.
Hogs—Yorkers \$4.50 @ \$5.25, pigs \$8.40 @ \$8.50.
Sheep—Wethers \$5.50 @ \$6.00, lambs \$7.00 @ \$8.50.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Choice steers \$6.50 @ \$7.00, good \$6.10 @ \$6.40.
Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$8.40 @ \$8.45, pigs \$8.45 @ \$8.45.
Sheep—Prime wethers \$5.30 @ \$5.40, lambs \$6.00 @ \$6.40.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat—December \$1.14.
Corn—December 61 1/2.
Oats—December 41c.
Rye—January \$1.12.
Lard—January \$12.75.
Cattle—Beaves \$4.00 @ \$8.50, stockers and feeders \$4.00 @ \$5.25.
Hogs—Heavy \$5.25 @ \$5.60, pigs \$7.00 @ 7.50.
Sheep—Native \$3.50 @ \$5.65, lambs \$5.75 @ 8.40.

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Dec. 24, 1909We Wish You
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Christmas Attractions!

Why not have the modern things, the new ideas and the newest novelties represented in your Christmas purchase this year. We are waiting to show you our NEW HOLIDAY STOCK. It contains the very best for Christmas, 1909. New things and everything to make people happy. Gifts that are practical and beautiful at prices that are reasonable. Call and let us show you our line of Christmas Gifts. SPECIAL VALUES. SPECIAL PRICES.

DINNER WARE
Haviland Dinner Sets \$25.00 up
French Dinner Sets \$22.50 up
Beautiful Porcelain Sets \$7.50 up

CUT GLASS
Rich Cut Glass Bon Bon \$1.00
Cut Glass Water Tumblers, dozen \$2.50 to \$20.00
Cut Glass Water Pitchers \$3.50 to \$16.50
Cut Glass Celery Trays, Special \$2.00 to \$7.50
And many other pieces too numerous to mention.

BRASS GOODS.
Beautiful Brass Fern Dishes, \$1 value \$1.25
Brass Smoking Set \$1.75
Brass Umbrella Stand, regular \$6.75, for \$4.50
Brass Flower Basket \$1.00
Brass Jardiniere \$7.50 to \$6.00

ALUMINUM WARE
Aluminum 2-quart Rice Boiler for \$2.00
Aluminum 4-quart Cord Sauce Pot for \$1.25
Aluminum Cups and Saucers per set 65c
Aluminum No. 8 Tea Kettle \$5.00
Aluminum Percolators \$5.00
Aluminum 4-quart Coffee Pot \$2.00
Aluminum Chafing Dish, complete for \$4.50
Aluminum Roasting Pan 12x16, for \$1.50
Aluminum 12-quart Water Pail \$2.00
Aluminum 12-inch Griddle \$1.98

WILLIAM ROGER SILVERWARE
Hollow Handle Knives and Forks set \$7.50
Fancy Handled Tea Spoons \$2.75
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NO STAR TO GUIDE

THE POSSIBILITY THAT ESCAPED THE WOMEN OF BETHLEHEM.

Some Name Might Have Rang Through All Ages Had She But Known the Spirit of Christmas Hospitality.

HE child born in the stable of Bethlehem, "because there was no room for them in the inn," was heralded by angels to the shepherds and by a star to the wise men; but no voice told the mothers of Bethlehem of the wonder which was happening in their town that night.

Suppose some gentle woman had met Joseph and Mary on that Wonderful Day, as they entered the town, and had said to them: "Our streets are full of homeless strangers. Come you and bide with me!" By that simple act of hospitality, her name would have been written high, high among the names of earth's happiest folk. "Blessed" is she, we should have cried, "to whose home the Christmas joy first came!" But the women of the Judean town did not know to throw wide their doors and bring in the world's gratitude and love, says the Youth's Companion. So the Child was laid in a manger, and oblivion holds the names of all the women in Bethlehem who slept that night beneath the wings of wondering angels. Had they but known!

Year by year, for 19 centuries the story of the night at Bethlehem has been told and retold. To-day no household in Christendom, in town or village or on distant prairie can plead the ignorance in which Bethlehem then lay. If the door is shut on the Christ-child to-day, it is not from lack of knowledge, but from churlishness or indifference.

The Christmas spirit speaks in many voices. The sprig of holly or the plum pudding, the tree laden with gifts or the cheer for the lonely—these are all the world's way of saying to the Mother and the Holy Child, "Abide with us!"

Harred out alike from cottage and palace and inn in Palestine, the Hope of the World renews his appeal each Christmas-tide to our modern Christian world. By the very pathos of the first Christmas, the heart is softened and prepared to give him welcome. To-day there is no heralding angel or guiding star.

No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where men seek never to receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Santa Claus Abroad.
It is strange to contemplate the great variety of forms the Santa Claus custom assumes in different countries. In Belgium the little ones fill their shoes with carrots and oats and hay for the white horse St. Nicholas is supposed to drive. Very early in the morning they run to the room in which their shoes have been left and find that the provender has gone and in its place candies and presents are found.

Among the Carpathian mountains it is St. Peter, who, dressed as a bishop, and accompanied by the dreadful Ruprecht, is expected by the children on Christmas eve. The visitor first delivers a short sermon, lays on the table a rod whitened with chalk, and takes his departure with his tinkling bells, while Ruprecht follows close behind. The children now hasten to pull off their shoes, polish them and tie them together; and, as soon as the last notes of Nike's bells have become lost in the distance they run into the garden and scatter their shoes beneath a bush. They spend the time until 10 o'clock in relating stories, then go to their shoes, to find them filled with apples, nuts and goodies.

Perfect Coating for Hams.
"Marslin" is the name of a substance that is used in Bohemia to coat hams. It is as pliable as rubber, tasteless and harmless, and keeps the hams—also meats, eggs, etc., perfectly fresh almost indefinitely. The marslin can be peeled from the ham almost as easily as the skin from a banana.

The world is funny enough without the professional humorist.

Save money on all your holiday goods by attending Wiesner's Dissolution Sale.

Christmas Carol

By Phillips Brooks

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young,
The heart of the Jew burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music bursts forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, Old Earth, it is coming tonight!
On the snow-flakes which cover thy sod
The feet of the Christ-child fall gentle and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child shall fall,
And to every blind wanderer open the door
Of hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humblest may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest trod,
This, then, is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.

THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS

In Retrospect Grandfather Pictures Yuletide Journeys of Many Years Ago.

All the year long we have been traveling toward Christmas—I and my old wife, our children and our grandchildren—not all by the same road, not all with the same expectations, but all looking out alike for the first glimpse of its smoke rising above the wintry landscape of the year. Now we can almost fancy that we hear the chiming of the famous bells—all Christmas towns are famous for their bells—and we know that we shall soon be at our inn.

If life be a journey, and each year a stage upon the road, I do not know where else a sensible man would stop for the recruiting of his health than the fine old Christmas towns. There, if anywhere, men are to be found living together merrily; the inns are warm, the cheer is good, the amusements are of the heartiest, and the society is of the best. I have been through many a Christmas town—for I have traveled far—and have rested thoroughly in each. I never found two of them alike. Of late they have been much grayer and quieter than they used formerly to be; but I do not think that I have been less happy of the quiet towns at which I have of late years resided. Let me confess so much. As for those about me who declare them to be not quiet by any means, but perfectly uproarious with jollity, I do not interfere with their opinion. Children so easily deceive themselves; it is enough for me that I am old enough to see things as they are.

The First Christmas Tree.
"It's the Germans who brought the Christmas tree to America," the German said. "Didn't you know that? The Duke of Hesse sold a regiment, called 'The Hessians,' after him, to fight the Americans. They got so drunk over their first Christmas tree here away from home that Washington captured them, and that started the fashion of Christmas trees in America. It's history."

Skimmed Milk Good for Hens.
Skimmed milk has been proved a valuable food for laying hens, according to experiments at the Virginia experiment station.

Honor Belongs to French Chemist.
The first process of making soda on an extensive scale was discovered by Nicholas Leblanc, a French chemist, in 1791.

Boys' Suits—Bloomer or plain Pants \$2.00, \$3.00 \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00. Also a large line of school Pants and Overcoats at Wiesner's.

You Can Almost Hear the "Ring of the Christmas Bells"

So near is the most Joyous of Holidays. To obtain the season's full enjoyment, don't delay longer to purchase the gift things you have planned to give, avoiding the crowd, the hustle and bustle of the eleventh hour, when the best things are gone. As we receive new goods every day, we still have complete assortments, and the prices we guarantee to be lower than elsewhere for merchandise possessing like merit. The suggestions given today are only a "hint" of what the Gift Store has to offer.

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TOYS—Second Floor. Show-Flys, Small Chairs, Go-Carts, Baby Carriages, Blackboards, Yankee Flyers, etc.
TOYS—Carpet Room. We have located here temporarily all the little things, such as Blocks, Games, Tool Sets, Teddy Bears, Equimaux, Dogs, Toy Dishes, etc., as well as Mechanical Toys, in pleasing variety. Balls, Trunks.
DOLLS—Both large or small, kid and Dressed Dolls. Priced at 10c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, etc.
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GOLF GLOVES, for children, special .25c
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Linen News

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Christmas Suggestions in Fancy Goods

We boast of a larger assortment of these goods than shown before: Manteau Sets, Smoking Sets, Smoking Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Traveling Cases, Babies' Toilet Sets, Tobacco Jars, Fancy Pin Cushions, etc.

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GLOVES, always an acceptable gift. Special is our men's Kid Gloves at 95c. Gauntlet Gloves for boys .50c
FANCY SILK TIES, one in holiday box, the kind you want .25c, 50c
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FANCY AND SILK HOSE, fancy Hose 25c and 50c—the best we've ever shown. Silk Hose .75c and 95c
MUFFLERS, mercerized Knit Mufflers 25c. Phoenix Mufflers, all shades .50c
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PAJAMAS, a nice assortment. Flannellette, trimmed with braid.
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KNIT SHAWLS, the useful gift, a full line .50c up
WAISTS, tailored Waists for 98c; Silk Waists .98c
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